



Yuma County Local Emergency Planning Committee

Minutes of the Meeting October 13, 2011

PRESENT:

Chief August, Rural Metro, Group 2
Robert Barocio, Yuma Proving Grounds, Group 2
Michael Callahan, Gowan Milling, Group 5
Mike Erfert, Yuma Fire Department, Group 2
Greg Ferguson, Yuma County Board of Supervisors, Group 1
Earl Hamilton, MCAS Disaster Preparedness, Group 2
Manuel Hernandez, City of Yuma Utilities Department, Group 2
Marc Holyfield, Arizona Western College, Group 2
Mark Hutsell, Vice Chair, Yuma Regional Medical Center, Group 2
Gary Koehn, Kinder Morgan Energy Partners, Group 5
Chief Jack McArthur, representing Mayor Al Krieger, Alternate Group 1
Warren Quirk, Excel Group / WORC Center, Group 5
Gretchen Robinson, Emergency Management Director, Group 2
Michelle Smith, Yuma County Public Health District, Group
Chief Keith Titus, Wellton Police Department, Group 2

ABSENT:

Tim Beeler, MCAS Yuma, Group 2
Chief Paul DeAnda, Somerton-Cocopah Fire Department, Group 2
Jeff Denman, citizen at large, Group 4
Major Ken Hewett, Arizona Department of Corrections
Chris Nossaman, Sun Country Restoration, Group 5
Rick Reyes, Sellers Petroleum. Group 5
Captain Joseph Roerink, AZ Department of Corrections, Group 2
Ema Lea Shoop, citizen at large, Group 4
Captain Mark Stroh, Yuma Fire Department, Group 2
Sheriff Ralph Ogden, Group 1

A quorum of 15 persons was present with a minimum of 3 groups represented, Group 1, Group 2, Group 4 and Group 5.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Mark Hutsell called the meeting to order at 1002 hours in the Board of Supervisors Auditorium at 198 So. Main Street, Yuma AZ. On October 13, 2011.

2. INTRODUCTION:

Members and guests present introduced themselves. Guests present included
Michele Dominguez, Yuma County Office of Emergency Management
Cristina Herrera, citizen at large
Rosario Zavala, Quechan Tribal Police Department

3. MINUTES:

Upon motion of Greg Ferguson, with second by Gary Koehn, the minutes of the meeting held 11 August 2011 were approved as submitted.

4. GRANT STATUS:

Gretchen Robinson reported she had received notification of award for \$1,500.00 and reminded the committee that the funding was dedicated to

Yuma Area Ammonia Safety Days sponsorship	500.00
Tabletop exercise for LEPC	800.00
Update and continued revision ERP	200.00
Total	\$1,500.00

Gretchen Robinson then discussed the Emergency Response Fund. No word had been received on the application submitted by the Somerton-Cocopah Fire Department in the amount of \$3,142 for the purchase of fire ice gel.

5. MEMBERSHIP STATUS

5a: Approval of designated alternate forms.

No designated alternate forms had been submitted for action.

5b: Introduction of potential member John Andoh.

Gretchen Robinson introduced John Andoh, new transit director for the Yuma County Intergovernmental Public Transportation Authority. Director Andoh spoke briefly to the committee and answered questions. Upon motion by Chief McArthur with second by Chief Titus, the nomination for membership for Mr. Andoh was approved and Gretchen was directed to forward to AZSERC.

Gretchen encouraged the Quechan Indian Nation to join the LEPC.

6. New Business

6a: Presentation by Chief McArthur regarding New World data project; possible action regarding same.

Chief McArthur reported on the progress of the county-wide data management project that is sponsored by Yuma Regional Communications Service. The Tier II information will be loaded into the CAD system so that all first responders will have the same information upon dispatch to a call. Upon motion by Gretchen Robinson with second by Chief Gary August, a working group will be established to help facilitate the Tier II knowledge into the data base. Motion carried. Chief McArthur will put together a meeting in the near future.

6b: Discussion regarding local incidents

No members had any information to report regarding local incidents.

With the return of the cooling facilities, we can anticipate several more releases in the next few months. Chief McArthur suggested that the Ammonia Safety Days hold a class on reporting requirements. Gretchen reminded the group that she had sent the reporting procedures to each of the attendees of the ammonia days conference last year. More education is obviously needed.

6c: Discussion and possible action regarding meeting schedule for 2012.

Gretchen explained that at the request of AZSERC, local LEPCs were being asked to establish their 2012 meeting schedule. Following brief discussion, a motion was made by Chief Titus with second by Robert Barocio, to continue the meetings on the second Thursday of each even numbered month, beginning at 1000 hours. Same location. The motion carried.

For the record, the schedule of meetings for 2012 will be as follows:

February 9, 2012
April 12, 2012
June 14, 2012
August 9, 2012
October 11, 2012
December 13, 2012

Gretchen will provide the information to AZSERC.

7. Old Business

a. Lower Colorado River Plan

Gary Koehn of Kinder Morgan reported he had been contacted by EPA representative to be on the Area 3 committee. No other progress has been made this period.

b. Type III Incident Management Team

Chief McArthur reported that the formation of this team is moving forward. If you have any interest in participating, please send an e-mail to Mike Erfert. Participation will take a commitment of your time.

c. State Exercise November 4th

Not much information coming from the State regarding exercise play. Health will open its EOC and conduct several drills. Hospital will exercise according to their requirements. County EOC will not open as Emergency Manager will be in Phoenix. Local amateur radio club will be on the air.

Gretchen announced that a local WMD awareness level class was being offered to support the state exercise. First class is during the day on October 27th, second class is in the evening of November 1st.

More information regarding this nuke awareness class, as well as incident command training, is on the County website @ www.yumacountyaz.gov

8. Chair Status Report

Chairman Mark Hutsell reported that three YRMC members had attended Anniston recently and there was lots of information and education available. Encouraged LEPC members to avail themselves of training.

9. Public Comment on the LEPC Emergency Response Plan

Gretchen reported she had received no comments from the public regarding the LEPC Emergency Response Plan and no comments were received at the meeting.

10. Good of the Order/Announcements

Gretchen Robinson congratulated Mike Erfert on his recent photography awards.

Greg Ferguson thanked Gary Koehn for the annual pipeline safety event. Gary Koehn than thanked all that had attended the annual pipeline safety event sponsored by El Paso Natural Gas, Southwest Gas, Kinder Morgan and Trans Canada. Great information was shared, all agreed it was beneficial.

Earl Hamilton of MCAS reported that planning is underway for the full scale exercise that precedes the air show. Exercise will be in February 2012, more information to follow.

Mike Erfert of Yuma Fire reported that he would be making presentations to the Yuma City Council the week of October 17th thru 25th – two items for consideration, the adoption of the

City's Emergency Operation Plan and the adoption of the Multi-jurisdictional multi-hazard mitigation plan.

Manny Hernandez of City of Yuma Environmental reported on a recent visit by the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality where he was informed of a substantial rate hike for wastewater treatment. To take place in July 2012.

Rosario Zavala, Quechan Tribal Police Department – reported the tribe had recently completed the NIMSCAST.

Michelle Smith – reported she had also recently returned from Anniston and was now a certified train the trainer in several classes as well as an ADEM adjunct instructor, able to teach 300 and 400 ICS classes.

Chief Titus reported that the town of Wellton had adopted the multi-jurisdictional multi-hazard mitigation plan. He also stated that he was spearheading the training efforts for required NIMS classes in his jurisdiction.

Michele Dominguez of Emergency Management reported that all the training offered by the Office of Emergency Management is listed on line – or give her a call.

11. Call to the Public

Cristina Herrera answered the call to the public. She thanked the committee for their dedication to the community's right to know. It should be noted that Cristina was formerly the Emergency Management Coordinator for the City of Yuma prior to moving to the Maricopa County Division of Emergency Management where she recently retired after over 30 years of service.

12. Adjourn

Upon motion by Chief Titus with second by Robert Barocio, and with no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1050 hours.

Next meeting is scheduled for December 8, 2011.

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